

Amendment to the Abstract:

The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract is attached.

The invention relates to an article-positioning machine. The inventive machine comprises means for collecting the articles ~~{Z}~~ in a plurality of individual housings ~~{10}~~ which move in a closed circuit and for enabling the articles ~~{Z}~~ to fall through at least one drop zone ~~{2a, 2b, 2c}~~, each of the oriented articles being directed into a corresponding alignment conduit ~~{3}~~ which moves together with each housing ~~{10}~~. The machine also comprises release means for removing the oriented and aligned articles ~~{Z}~~ from the alignment conduits ~~{3}~~ and moving same to an outfaced conveyor. Moreover, each alignment conduit ~~{3}~~ comprises an upper portion ~~{20}~~ which is used to collect articles ~~{Z}~~ from the corresponding housing ~~{10}~~, at least one self-guided mobile middle portion ~~{30}~~ which defines at least one conduit ~~{31, 32}~~ and a lower portion ~~{40}~~ which receives the articles ~~{Z}~~ and which comprises at least two compartments ~~{41, 42, 43}~~ to which the article ~~{Z}~~ can be transferred.